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It was the safest and sanest Fourth within memory.

Women, let your answer to the appeal for war relief be "Knit."

And may we never be called upon to entreat by song "Rescue the Pershing" expedition.

Even Great Britain caught something of the spirit of the Fourth of July. France readily absorbed the spirit.

Russia's next problem will be to care for the thousands of prisoners who are being rushed to the rear. The caring for prisoners is one of the great burdens of the war.

Yesterday China belonged to the democratic governments. To-day China belongs to the monarchies. To-morrow, well, to-morrow China may tell a different story.

Of course Germany wants peace now with vast areas of other nations held in bondage by her. When she relinquishes the stolen territory will be time enough to talk about peace.

It is only a mild satisfaction to be told that Vermont's per capita contribution to the Red Cross relief work was more than 39 cents—about six cents more—when one learns that the per capita in some of the states runs into the dollars.

With infantile paralysis germs active and the doctors still more active it behooves all people to use the utmost precaution to avoid contact with the all too prevalent scourge. Rutland, it is hoped, will be able to escape.—Rutland News.

What d'you mean, "scourge," the doctors?

It was some two years ago that the Germans complained so bitterly that the English were starving the babies of Germany by their "illegal" blockade. Not much has been heard about that complaint lately, possibly because it is a worn-out subterfuge.

A band started playing "The Star Spangled Banner" at the City park last evening. Of the 50 men and women sitting about on the park only one young man arose and stood during the playing of the selection. Any child in the Barre schools could tell the 49 what they ought to have done.

"Teutons knew Russia was ready to strike." "Teutons knew American troops had left United States for Europe." Etc. The Teutons apparently know everything that is going on. And yet we complacently permit some of the suspected Teutons in the United States, persons who have forfeited their right to liberty, to run at large. This matter of espionage is one feature of the war which we haven't comprehended as yet; we are far too easy-going. Some day a blow will come which will open our eyes.

Two of those mentioned for the office of secretary of state to succeed Guy W. Bailey have already eliminated themselves from consideration. W. J. Bigelow of St. Johnsbury comes out in his paper. The Caledonian, with cordial support for M. G. Morse of Hardwick for the position, thus counting himself out automatically, while Walter H. Crockett, now of Burlington, asserts that he is not to be a candidate at the present time. Between now and Oct. 1, or thereabouts, the mentioning game will be subsided and the list will be narrowed down pretty fine. And then Gov. Graham will go and do as he likes about making the appointment.

The later reports on the feat of the army and navy departments in transporting the first American expeditionary force to Europe serve to magnify the performance rather than to minimize it. The importance of it is gauged not by the size of the force transported but by the fact that the departure of the transports was undoubtedly announced to the German admiralty so that the submarines were gathered in force to attempt to destroy some of the ships. The result was that the convoying war vessels had to fight a determined battle against the sea wolves under adverse conditions, such as fighting at night when periscopes of the U-boats are not easily distinguished. That the transports and their convoys were able to pass through the danger zone without serious mishap is a marked tribute to the skill of the officers in charge. The American people have reason for congratulation over the success of the first great undertaking along this line.

A MORE SERIOUS INDEPENDENCE DAY.

It was an unusual Fourth of July in the United States; at least it was unusual in many communities of the United States. In the first place there was not the noisy outburst of booming cannon, exploding powder-crackers and blarney oratory. Again there was not so much of the spread-eagleism of former years. And in the third place there was more quiet thinking about the significance of the day in American history.

This change was largely wrought by reason of the condition in which the United States finds itself, a condition brought about by no choice of our own but by reason of its being forced upon us. Not since the Civil war has the country been brought face to face with such a crisis as at present. We are at war with one of the most formidable nations of the world, a nation which has spent half a century in getting ready to give battle and a nation which has proven itself to be both relentless and lawless in the extreme. It is no slight task which lies ahead of the United States even though we may be leagued with some of the most powerful nations in the battle for the right. Hence, the change from noise, from spread-eagleism, from raw blarney, to speak. Moreover, the serious side of our national life is forced upon us by reason of the fact that 120,000 of our countrymen are already enlisted in the naval service of the nation, 30,000 in the marine corps, 250,000 in the regular army, a like number in the National Guards of the various states and thousands more in the forms of service which war makes necessary. Our brothers, our fathers, our sons have been called to make the sacrifice which the nation demands of all her loyal citizens. Moreover, there is about to be put in operation the law of conscription which will call to the colors more than half a million more of our brothers, our fathers and our sons. Small wonder is it then that the nation was more sombre, more serious, less flippant and less irresponsible as it approached the anniversary of the day when the independence of the Thirteen Colonies was declared. It is no more serious contemplation of will do us good to turn from noise, mere what Independence means and what it may mean.

CURRENT COMMENT

The Towns That Failed.

Burlington is getting a lot of undesirable publicity on account of its poor showing in making subscriptions to the Red Cross fund. A city of over 20,000 population which gives only \$5,000 has reason to blush with shame in comparison with a town like Brattleboro, with less than 10,000 population, which raises \$10,500. It is discouraging to the communities which went into the latest drive with enthusiasm and raised money far in excess of their quotas to have the state as a whole fall down and to be pointed out among the sisterhood of states as one of the commonwealths which responded with a "weak voice."—Brattleboro Reformer.

Unlike Vermont.

Vermont's failure to raise her quota of the Red Cross fund of a hundred millions is disappointing, because anything which is creditable to this state causes pain in the breast of all loyal Vermonters. There is no excuse to offer except failure on the part of the public to realize the pressing need of money for Red Cross purposes. To this probably should be added the factor of poor leadership in some communities; lack of co-operation and team work which is vital to success in such a venture. There is one single ray of hope which is occasioned by the belief that Vermonters, knowing that their state has not met the call in its characteristic fashion, will not rest content until they have made good the deficiency. Those who have already given should give again; those who gave not at all should now come forward. Some towns purposely delayed their campaign for local reasons. In towns where this was done the canvass should be pressed with unusual vigor, for upon them is given the opportunity of bringing Vermont back into line. Let it not be said of Vermont that her people were unwilling to stand by the boys who are going across the water to fight and die for home and country.—St. Albans Messenger.

Our Soldiers in France.

American troops by the thousand have reached France and will soon be upholding the honor of the flag against those to whom honor has long since become a meaningless word. The country is to be congratulated on the safe transportation of her advance battalions to the other side, and their arrival will mightily cheer those who for almost three years have been fighting, as men never fought before, against a resourceful, barbaric and pitiless foe.

To France the arrival of American troops will be inspiring to an exceptional degree. Our French allies some time ago reached their high-water mark numerically, and it will be practically impossible to add to their efficient fighting force. On this country will depend to a tremendous extent the duty of sustaining a burden so gloriously carried for many months by the troops of the tri-color.

Remembering what American soldiers have done in the past, let us have faith to believe that they will do what needs to be done in the immediate future and that the celebration of Independence day, 1918, will include nation-wide rejoicing over a glorious triumph for the flag of our country and the cause of world democracy.—Boston Traveler.

A Cook's Accidental Discovery.

One of the best ways of cooking potatoes was accidentally discovered through the unpunctuality of a train. When the line from Paris to St. Germain was opened the first train carried an official party for whom lunch was ordered. The meal was fixed for noon, and shortly before that hour the potatoes were put on to fry. A few minutes afterward a message came that the train would probably be delayed for an hour, so the potatoes were taken off the fire, but left in the pan. Then came a second message, "Train just arriving," and the potatoes were hurriedly put back to fry again. When the party sat down to the potatoes were brought on with the steak. Each chip was then found to be blown out like a small, crisp, golden balloon, to the delight of the guests. The cook, without knowing it had invented pommes de terre souffles.



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CHELSEA

Pupil having no marks for the spring term on Chelsea west hill is Maud Lovell. Those having no absent marks are Howard Walker, Leon Menard, George Bradshaw, Florence Menard, Anna De Almeida.

The following list of flowers were found by the pupils of the west hill school: Yellow violet, evergreen, dog-tooth violet, blue myrtle, blood root, strawberry blossom, painted trillium, black cherry, choke cherry, sugar plum, columbine, huckleberry, fly honeysuckle, small-flowered crowfoot, red clover, purple blossom, robin's plantain, caraway, purple avena, meadow pine, early saxifrage, blue cohosh, twisted stalk, red hellebore, large flowered bellwort, miterwort, pale violet, tall buttercup, dewberry, erick root, foam flower, arrow-leaved violet, wild currant, gold thread, chickweed, winter cress, shepherd's purse, raspberry, star flower, Canada mayflower, coltsfoot, hepatica, pussy willow, spring beauty, wakerobin, marsh marigold, Dutchman's breeches, mare's tail, dandelion, round-leaved mallow, blue violet, wild oats, sweet white violet, jack-in-the-pulpit, squirrels' corn, Canada violet, pussy toes, bluebells, wild ginger, greenwood orchis, lilac, bunch berry, false Solomon's seal, celandine, bird cherry, red osier dogwood, sweet cicely, lily of the valley, cinquefoil, field sorrel, wild rose, golden ragwort, cypress, purple, smooth, sumac, bulbous buttercup, moss pink, cow vetula, bladder campion, clintonia, red-berried elder, kale, white clover, horse radish, common fleabane, blue-eyed grass, false spikenard, May apple, white daisy, thyme-leaved speedwell, gill-over-the-ground, hound's tongue, Indian cucumber, tawny hawkweed, bristly crowfoot, blackberry, buttercup, yellow wood sorrel, hairy rock cress, wild geranium, Norway cinquefoil, flower-de-luce, yellow, sun drops, self heal, black mustard, Alsatian clover.

The following are a list of birds seen by the same pupils: English sparrow, phoebe, red-winged blackbird, slate-colored junco, hawk, purple martin, tree swallow, cat bird, cow bird, bob white, robin, black-throated green warbler, by Ella Lovell; bluejay, red-breasted nuthatch, butcher bird, kingfisher, black and white creeping warbler, ruffed grouse, pigeon, chipping sparrow, song sparrow, winter wren, brown creeper, Zilla Cole; chickadee, Philip Edwards; rose-breasted grosbeak, pine grosbeak, downy woodpecker, Canada jay, yellow warbler, white-breasted nuthatch, hen hawk, by Howard Walker; redpoll, greater redpoll, tree sparrow, hummingbird, black-throated blue warbler, by Lawrence Menard; red-headed woodpecker, flicker, yellow-bellied sapsucker, bobolink, scarlet tanager, great-crested flycatcher, Wilson thrush, wood thrush, owl, woodcock, crow, wood pewee, by Myers Cooke; junco, cedar waxwing, bob, goldfinch, Baltimore oriole, snow bunting, by Florence Menard; kingbird, American redstart, chestnut-sided warbler, cave swallow, myrtle warbler, bluebird, barn swallow, by George Bradshaw; chimney swift, Robert Davis; orchard oriole, by Leon Menard; brown thrasher, grasshopper sparrow, white-crow red sparrow, vesper sparrow, by Maud Lovell.

WILLIAMSTOWN

Red Cross Organizes, Mrs. A. A. Cross Being Chosen President.

A meeting of those interested in Red Cross work was held in the grange hall on Monday evening. William R. Jones presiding. After listening to an informative address on the war and the civil relief work undertaken by the society by Mr. Joyce of Burlington, the meeting proceeded to organize a local branch and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. A. Cross; vice-president, Mrs. Etta M. Covell; secretary, Mrs. Musette H. Seaver; treasurer, Rev. Jesse A. Martin. The following were elected as the heads of their respective committees: Supply, Miss Nellie Day; membership, Mrs. L. O. Morgan; finance, Charles M. Seaver; relief, Rev. George W. Keeling. It is expected that active work will be taken up soon.

Announcement is made that the community out-door service held by the churches, band and combined choirs last summer will be resumed next Sunday evening, and continued, weather permitting, through July and August. The place of meeting will be the lawn alongside the Methodist church, where lighting and seating arrangements will be made, and it is hoped that the success that attended last year's gatherings will be repeated. The pastors expect to have other speakers assist, and announcement of these will be made from time to time. Next Sunday evening both the band and community chorus will be present to lead the music.

The next Rural Good Luck club meeting is to be to Mrs. Horace Hebard next Saturday, July 7.

The selectmen will meet at the town clerk's office next Friday afternoon, July 6, to draw orders in payment of bills against the town.

Miss Erma Passera, who has been a student at the Albany Business college for several months past, has finished her course and is at home for the summer.

As the band is to play at the Sunday evening service on the lawn of the M. E. church, there will be no concert on Saturday evening of this week.

The night before the Fourth was very quiet, a few firecrackers between 12 and 6 o'clock being the only evidence that Independence day was to begin. There was no ball game or other sports on the Fourth and many people put in the day at work as usual, thinking this to be the better sort of patriotism.

Miss Esther Call, who has been teaching in Cabot the past year, is now with her aunt, Mrs. Fannie Stewart, at the Ainsworth house.

William Waterman and his son, Edward, and daughter, Ella, who have been the guests of Mrs. Laura Ainsworth for a time, have gone to Boston for a few days' stay before returning to their home in Hay Springs, Neb.

Miss Myrtle Hutchinson, teacher in Bellows Free academy of Fairfax, is at home for the summer.

Ernest Waldo, who is at work on a farm in Windsor, was at home over the Fourth.

Hugh Seaver, rural carrier at Randolph, who has been at home for his vacation, returned to his duties July 1. While here he bought an Overland runabout, used one season, that he will use in making his trips.

Miss Emily Stickney of the Kurn Hatin Homes has lately been in town in the interest of the homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley T. Martin, with Ruth and Richard and Albert R. Martin, went to Randolph on the afternoon of the Fourth and took in the horse trot in that town that day.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Gregory of Barre, former residents, were in town the Fourth, calling on friends.

The Village Improvement society will meet with Mrs. Musette Seaver Friday evening of this week, at 7:30.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Was Spiny Elm Caterpillar Found on Aldrich Library Lawn.

Barre Daily Times:—The recent report in the columns of this paper to the effect that the brown tail moth caterpillar had made its appearance on the elm trees in the front of the library building brought the matter to my attention. Upon examination I find that the caterpillar is known as the "spiny elm caterpillar," and is in no way related to either the brown tail moth caterpillar or the gypsy moth caterpillar. The spiny elm caterpillar is the larva of the so-called mourning cloak butterfly, and is often mistaken for the gypsy caterpillar. It is of slight economic importance and feeds principally upon the elm foliage. It can easily be distinguished from the gypsy and brown tail moth caterpillars by the presence on its back and sides of the long tough spines. The gypsy and the brown tail have small tufts of fine hair in the place of these spines, and are so colored by means of the regular red and blue spots on their backs that they are easily distinguished from other kinds of caterpillars. Prompt action in the matter of spraying and picking the egg clusters has kept these very destructive caterpillars fairly under control in this state. However, an outbreak is liable at any time and I hope that the persons

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finding strange caterpillars will report them at once, sending or bringing specimens for identification.
(Signed) F. H. Abbott,
County Agricultural Agent.

OFFICERS' SCHOOL AT NORTHFIELD

Militia (Home Guards).

The following general order No. 1 of the Vermont Volunteer militia (home guards) has been issued from the headquarters in Montpelier:

1. Under the provisions of G. O. No. 27, A. G. O. Vt. 1917, the following regulations for the conduct of the officers' training camp to be held at Northfield university, Northfield, July 5 to 14, inclusive, 1917, are published.

2. All officers are expected to attend, unless specially excused by these headquarters. They will arrive as early as possible on Thursday, July 5, and will at once report to the commanding officer at alumni hall (second floor). Mail for officers attending should be addressed to them at "Norwich university, Northfield, Vermont."

3. The course of instruction will embrace the following subjects, in which officers will be expected to prepare themselves in advance and to bring books to camp:

Infantry drill regulations; definitions, Para. 1-44; 48-231; 358-388; 661-667; 745-746; 758-765, all inclusive.

Manual of interior guard duty; 1-241, 299-307; 347-367, all inclusive.

Manual of N. C. O.'s and privates: to and including chapter IX.

Plattsburg manual: to and including chapter VII.

A few paragraphs are not applicable on account of the use of the riot gun instead of the U. S. Springfield rifle. Changes in these paragraphs will be announced later.

All mounted officers will be required to receive instruction in horsemanship, and such instruction is available to other officers who notify these headquarters, or before July 1, of their desire to participate. Such officers should bring spurs, if practicable to do so.

4. Officers will be quartered in barracks, two to a room. Single beds and mattresses are provided by the university, but officers should bring with them rain coat, felt hat, blankets, sheets, pillow, pillow cases and toilet articles. Individual uniform and equipment (so far as received before the date of the camp) will be brought, and on arrival issue will be made of all uniform and equipment not previously received, and

One riot gun, for drill use.

One U. S. magazine rifle, for target practice.

One revolver, for revolver practice.

Officers will wear during camp the regulation uniform of the regiment, with insignia of their grade.

5. Officers attending will receive the pay of their grade for the period of the school, from which they will pay the cost of subsistence—about \$6 per week. The supply officer will arrange for transportation of baggage from station to barracks and return, at the expense of the state. Officers should present transportation requests furnished by these headquarters to ticket agent, who will issue tickets against same.

6. The following officers will come prepared to act as instructors during the camp:

Major Harry C. Pratt, senior instructor.

Major Preston H. Madley, instructor.

Capt. Frank P. Johnson, instructor.

7. The following list of calls will be observed, effective at 6 a. m. Friday, July 6:

Reveille

First call.....6:00
Reveille march.....6:10
Reveille assembly.....6:15
Recall.....6:30
Mess call.....6:40
Inspection of quarters.....7:40
Sick call.....7:40
Morning instruction

First call.....7:50
Assembly.....8:00
Recall.....11:45
Mess call.....12:00
Afternoon instruction

First call.....1:20
Assembly.....1:30
Recall.....4:30
Guard mounting

First call.....5:00
Assembly.....5:05
Adjutant's call.....5:10
Retreat

First call.....5:40
Assembly.....5:45
Retreat.....5:50
Mess.....6:00
Tattoo.....9:30
Taps.....10:00

Formation at reveille will be without arms; formation at retreat under arms.

8. The organization for drill and discipline will be that of a company of infantry. Schedule of daily work will be issued later.

By order of Col. Johnson,
W. W. Russell,
Captain 1st regiment, V. V. M.

Adjutant.

Official:
W. W. Russell,
Captain 1st regiment V. V. M.

Adjutant.

See Moses.

"What is your name?" a Kentuckian asked a small negro boy.

"Well, boss," answered the chap, "everywhere Ah goes dey gibs me a new name. But mah maiden name was Moses."—Grit.



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Auto Stage Between Bethel and Barre.

R. A. Pierce of Bethel will run an auto stage between Bethel and Barre, beginning July 2, leaving Bethel at 8 a. m.

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